the same period for development of National Highways and State Roads (other than rural roads) are as below:—

SI. No.	Year	Investments (Rs. in crores)	
		National Highways	State Roads
1.	1999-2000	1900	990
2.	2000-2001	1800	1062
3.	2001-2002	2100	

Driving training school in Karnataica

3102. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to provide infrastructure facilities for setting up Regional Training Institute and Modern Drivers Training Institute has been submitted by the Government of Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the present stage of consideration of the proposal and t>y when the approval and release of funds be expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS fMAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDUR]: (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal of Karnataka along with ten other States are under examination. The process of the scrutiny of the proposal and sanction of the eligible proposals is expected to be completed by March, 2003.

Comprehensive policy pacioge for SSIs

3103. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive policy package has been announced for Small Scale Sector;

(b) if so, the details of the initiatives that have been announced;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for implementing the package; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) A Comprehensive Policy Package has been announced on 30th August, 2000 which *inter-alia* includes easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs, capital subsidy for technological upgradation and improved infrastructure.

(c) and (d)The initiatives announced under the package have already been implemented by way of implementing policies and programmes which include enhancement of excise exemption limit for SSI to Rs. 1 crore, implementing credit linked capital subsidy scheme for technological upgradation, increase In the composite loan limit to Rs. 25 lakhs, continuation of ISO 9000 Scheme in 10th Plan and extending it to ISO 14001, Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme to cover all areas, increase in project limit under National Equity Fund to Rs. 50 lakhs, implementation of Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme, etc.

De-reservation of items

3104. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR.TSUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering another 30-40 items to be dereserved by the end of this fiscal year;

(o) if so, what are the details of these items to be de-reserved;

(c) whether Government are also considering to increase investment limits for another three-four sectors;

(d) if so, the items on which limits of investment has been increased; and

(e) to what extent this decision would help the small scale industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The issue of